

## RESOLUTION 2023- 409

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE REJECTION OF ALL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE RATE INCREASES

**WHEREAS**, automobile insurance rate in New Jersey continue to be the highest in the nation;  
and

**WHEREAS**, numerous insurance companies have petitioned the State Department of Banking  
and Insurance for additional increases in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, among these companies, Allstate has requested a 29 percent rate increase and  
GEICO has requested a 26 percent rate increase; and

**WHEREAS**, these increases are unfair to Ocean County residents, especially seniors struggling  
to survive on a fixed income while costs continue to skyrocket; and

**WHEREAS**, younger families and college students will also be burdened with higher costs  
traveling to and from work and school; and

**WHEREAS**, many residents are already struggling with high inflation, rising food and medical  
costs and ever increasing housing costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Ocean County lacks the sprawling public transportation networks of trains and  
buses common to Northern New Jersey, forcing our commuters to rely on their private  
automobiles; and

**WHEREAS**, these increases are especially detrimental to Ocean County because residents  
generally have longer commutes to the commercial centers of Northern New Jersey and New  
York City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Committee of the  
Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, requests the State Department of  
Banking and Insurance reject all automobile insurance rate hike requests and freeze rates for the  
next 18 months.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of the Resolution be forwarded to Governor Phil  
Murphy, the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> District Offices, the Ocean County Mayor's Association, and  
all 33 Ocean County municipalities.

### CERTIFICATION

I, Donna M. Manno, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean,  
State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the  
Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat at their regular meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 2023, in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

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Donna M. Manno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk